IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Tober et al. Examiner: Hieu T. Hoang

Application No.: 10/679,938 Confirmation No.: 3607

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For: MANAGING RESOURCES FOR IP NETWORKING

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,

This amendment is in response to the Non-Final Office Action that was mailed on January 2, 2008 (hereinafter, "Office Action"), having a three-month shortened period of response set to expire by April 2, 2008. Applicants have submitted herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline to July 2, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Authorization begins on page 8 of this paper.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows.